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Memorandum

TO : DD/NFAC

DATE: 20 December 1978

FROM : H. C. Eisenbeiss
D/OCR

SUBJECT: Proposal for a Centralized Community Bibliographic and Document
Retrieval System Operated by CIA

This note is to request your approval of the release by Danny May, CIA Member, Information Handling Committee, of the attached to [REDACTED] Chairman, IHC.

[REDACTED] at least believes that he is charged with increasing the degree of interagency cooperation in the information business and is pushing vigorously in a set of weird directions of uncertain value and God-awful cost to achieve his goal. OCR has prepared the attached memorandum which suggests ONLY that the IHC study the utility of making the basic OCR intelligence document storage and retrieval system available to the Community. The danger in this offer is that it might be accepted and laid on to CIA, in particular OCR, without provision of the necessary funding, staffing, and space. Funding is spoken to explicitly in the memorandum, but even so, funding would be the pre-eminent reason for not forwarding the memo. The principal reasons for forwarding the memo are that, from a taxpayers point of view, the scheme would make a great deal of sense, and some such rational scheme might get [REDACTED] off some of the weird schemes in which he is presently engaged.

Basically the paper says that there are three ways of making AEGIS/RECON and ADSTAR available to the Community: off-line, telephonically, that is; direct on-line; i.e., terminals to CIA computers perhaps via COINS; and on-line through intermediaries. Very tentative cost and time lines (based on assumptions on service utilization which are impossible to anticipate accurately) are provided for the several options and there is a discussion of how the Community could fund such an operation if it were to be desired.

The fourth option under funding (paragraph 6D, page 10) is explicitly that which was rejected by you at the meeting in last winter's snow storm [REDACTED] on the FY 80 budget, but it remains, nevertheless, an option.

In my view, we are damned if we do and damned if we don't forward the memorandum, and I guess I would rather be damned for doing something than for not doing something. I recommend, consequently, that you approve the memorandum, recognizing that it may have long term implications for the NFAC budget.

APPROVAL:

Deputy Director, NFAC

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Attached is a revision of the Proposal for Centralized Community Bibliographic and Document Retrieval System. Changes were incorporated to spell out ADSTAR costs in more detail. I plan to hold this document until Dr. Stevens and Mr. Taylor approve its release. Also Mr. Malanick said he would advise the DDCI and DCI of this proposal prior to its release to the IHC. (I'm not sure who will handle this now that Mr. Malanick has announced his retirement. At any rate, I will ensure that at least the DDCI is aware of it before its release.)

C. D. May, Jr.

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<p>Harry - I agree that this should be sent. It looks to me to be a good piece of work. I agree with your concerns but think we might do better if we closely associate these "love boats" with well defined costs as this does. Thanks.</p> <p>Sarge</p>			
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